

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

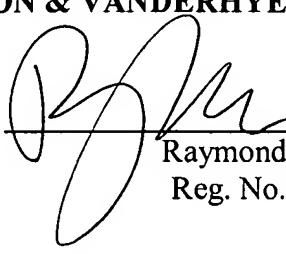
Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-3 and 5-17 are pending in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By:



Raymond Y. Mah  
Reg. No. 41,426

RYM:dmw  
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22203-1808  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100